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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: John Aschroft

Attached is the letter we have drafted for you based on your comments. Please review it and make changes to anything that does not represent what you think. If you received this letter by fax, you can photocopy it onto your business letterhead; if the letter was emailed, just print it out on your letterhead. Then sign and fax it to the Attorney General and carbon copy it to your Member of Congress. We believe that it is essential to let our elected officials know how important this issue is to their constituents. The public comment period for this issue ends on January 28th. Please send in your letter as soon as is convenient.

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The Attorney General's fax and email are noted below.

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In the Subject line of the e-mail, type Microsoft Settlement.

Carbon Copy:

Rep. Spencer Bachus

Fax: 202-225-2082

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The letter follows:

January 13, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write you as a Microsoft supporter to urge you to help support the recent settlement in its current form. The many concessions that have been made by Microsoft include changes in licensing changes, marketing requirements, and even design restrictions. It is obvious that Microsoft is working toward bettering the entire IT sector. Let us help them do so by helping this settlement move forward.

As our economy goes under some strain, it is important for us to support all of our technologies in order to maintain our position in the global market. By delaying an agreement such as the Microsoft settlement, we slow down the advancement of our IT sector and tie up their time in litigation. This is not what we need in the technology industry during a time of recession.

Let us make sure that there is no more actions taken against this well thought out settlement. Let the terms speak for themselves and allow us to better help the consumer, the technology industry and our economy as a whole.

Sincerely,

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cc: Representative Spencer Bachus